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**THE SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, MAIN STREET.** PASTOR, REV. CHAS. R. SEYMOUR.  
Evening subject: "Playing at Law."  
Services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.; Sunday School at 12:30 p. m.; March Sunday School, 2:30 p. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at 6 o'clock p. m.

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Services: 7 a. m. (except First Sunday in the month), 10:30; 5 p. m. Sunday school 12 m.; Friday evening at 7:30.

**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH, WEST MAIN STREET.** PASTOR, REV. A. J. BARRON.  
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FRANK CLAY has gone to Waterford, N. Y., to work.

THE Rev. Mr. Hitchcock, of Williston, was in town last week.

H. S. BINGHAM has spent most of the present week in New York.

MISS CLARA WARNER of Rutland is visiting at George W. Harman's.

Mrs. FRANK LASHER has been visiting her sister in North Adams, Mass.

Mrs. C. E. COVEY is spending a few days with her mother, in Kinderhook, N. Y.

Mrs. A. C. HALSEY and children have returned from Boston and are now with her father, L. Collins.

PEOPLE buy of concerns that keep themselves before the public by advertising in the BANNER.

THE late Joseph Barber of Pownall carried a policy of life insurance in the New York Life for \$2,000.

A. B. VALENTINE leaves to-day for an extended business trip to Montana. He will be gone about a month.

MISS E. L. NIBLOCK has given up her position as housekeeper at the Putnam and returned to her home in New Jersey, Monday afternoon.

QUITE an addition has been built on to the rear part of the house on Main street occupied by Frank Roberts, thereby giving considerable more room.

FROM one window, in a house in this village, can be seen nine houses now being erected, two of them having additional put on, and a cellar for one being dug.

RUTLAND bicyclists are now compelled to carry a bell on their machine in the day time and in the night time, a lighted lantern. This should be the rule everywhere.

M. B. HAWKS left Monday night for Munroe, La., where he will be located about a month, superintending extensive repairs and additions to the water works in that city.

THE Rev. S. McLaughlin begins his labors, here, as pastor of the Methodist church, Sunday. The Rev. A. D. Heatt and family, left for Round Lake, his new charge, the first of the week.

THE funeral of Ella A., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith E. Noyes, of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., who died Wednesday, the 18th, was observed Saturday. The remains were brought to Bennington for interment.

J. S. LINDLEY has, with the completion of his new sheds and store rooms, as complete a plant as could be desired. The store sheds, which are in the upper part of the new building, are connected with the mill by covered passages.

THE Centennial House is undergoing quite extensive repairs and improvements, inside and out. It is also being newly re-painted. A balcony has been put around the large platform above a portion of the first story, making it a pleasant place to sit, and greatly adding to the looks of the house.

THE Burlington Free Press has the following, concerning a former popular residence of North Bennington: "F. E. Burgess has purchased of Elias Lyman the Dunham residence at the corner of Maple and South Willard streets. Mr. Burgess expects to move in about May 1st. The sale was effected through the agency of W. B. McKillip, Mr. Lyman taking in exchange the South Union street residence of Mr. Burgess."

Mrs. CHAS. COOPER continues to slowly convalesce from her recent severe illness.

THE Whist Club, "No. 1," finished its winter's tournament on Wednesday evening.

JOHN NASH has been appointed one of the Deputy Sheriffs of Bennington. He is a veteran officer.

THE regular monthly meeting of the King's Daughters will be held Friday, May 4th, at their headquarters.

FRED B. JENNINGS and Gen. J. G. McCullough have both been making some improvement in and about their summer homes at North Bennington.

C. N. POWERS has completed a new walk the entire length of his property on Grand View Terrace, thereby greatly improving that portion of the village.

IN the list of awards at the Bench Show of the New England Kennel Club, is the name of the St. Bernard dog, Bennington, raised by Miss Kate Brann of this town.

VETERAN trout fishermen are getting their tackle in order for the opening of the season, which comes next Tuesday. They say that all signs point to a good season and plenty of trout.

MEMBERS of the fire department, at St. Albans, are talking of forming a running team to compete in the horse races at the State Firemen's tournament to be held in Bennington this summer.

THOS. WHITE was taken seriously ill last Saturday, having been sick for some days previously, but his condition for a few days has been more hopeful. There was a decided change for the better over Sunday.

RICHARD M. HOUGHTON, prospective Democratic candidate for congressman, from this district, has added to, and otherwise improved his residence on School street. Luther R. Burt was the architect.

TUESDAY morning at 8:30 o'clock the first pull on moving the brick house of E. L. Bates to its location, was made. Everything worked smoothly, and at the close of the day's work, the house was half way to its destination.

IN connection with the reception given by Walloomsac Lodge, N. E. O. P., Tuesday evening, the Budget, next Sunday will contain an illustrated article in regard to the Order, and sketch of Walloomsac Lodge. Evans is the agent.

EDWARD DONNELLY, in his Shakespeare readings, assisted by Chas. H. Bennett and Geo. Donnelly and the Y. M. C. Orchestra of six pieces, fills the third number, next Monday evening, in Estabrook's entertainment course at Manchester Centre.

THE Marble City has issued a series of bonds, and on Saturday evening the award was made to prospective takers, at E. H. Rollins & Sons of Boston, taking the whole lot at 44 premium, or a net profit to Rutland of \$11,000. Vermont credit, it appears, is away above par.

DR. W. E. PUTNAM has learned of the safe arrival at Liverpool, by the "Lucania," of his sister, Mrs. Hugh D. Cameron, of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. She is accompanied by her husband, a prominent Canadian banker. They will remain on the Continent several months. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron have crossed the Atlantic together many times.

WHILE hitched at North Hoosick, N. Y., last Sunday evening, a rig belonging to John H. Bigart, of North Bennington, was driven away by some unknown person. The services of some of Bennington's officers were secured and Monday afternoon the rig was found hitched under a shed in Hoosick, where it had probably been left by someone who wished to take a ride.

THE annual meeting of the Vermont Commandery of the Loyal Legion will be held at the Burlington on the evening of May 8th. There will be the usual banquet after the business meeting and short speeches by the members. By reason of his health, Col. J. H. Walbridge of North Bennington, has felt obliged to decline the nomination as commander of the Vermont Commandery.

A. P. CHILDS, and family, are in Springfield, Mass., this week, to attend the wedding of Miss Jean Blealock and Mr. Townsend, a son of Congressman Townsend of Illinois. Miss Blealock is a well known society belle in this city, and has visited here often. Miss Ethel Childs will be the maid of honor. A son of U. S. Senator Camden, of New Virginia, who is now a student at Harvard College, will be best man. The event is to be quite a society affair in that city.

ONE of our best known farmers in this town said, a couple of days since, that while in some sections rain was much needed yet, as a rule, they were not quite ready for the rain of Saturday. When the present dry spell began, farmers did not venture to sow grain for fear that there would be the usual spell of April cold weather. In this they were disappointed, as the warm weather continues and they saw that the spring crops must be put in, and when the rains did come they were just in the middle of their spring work.

LIST of letters remaining uncalled for in the Postoffice at Bennington for the week ending April 21st, 1894: J. H. Clary, Alfred Chapman, Harry Fradenburgh, John W. Mazoin, Oscar J. McArnold, John Perrin, Joseph Rivett, Arnold Streeter, William E. Williams, Geo. R. Wright, Mrs. Geo. Fradenburgh, Mrs. Caroline Platt, Mrs. Mary E. Scott, Mrs. Fayette Stratton, Miss Nora Cummings, Jennie Ricker, Susan Boyd, Ella Moon. These letters will be sent to the Dead Letter Office May 5th, 1894, if not delivered before. In calling please say, "advertised" giving date of list.

ONE of our Tunnel City exchanges of last week, says: "Miss Alice, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Lush, of Beaver street, North Adams, Mass., died of heart disease Monday. Miss Luther was born in Bennington, but came here with her parents when only four years old. She attended the Union school and was a great favorite with her schoolmates. She was a kind obedient girl at home, and her parents have the sympathy of a large circle of friends. The funeral was held from St. Francis' church Monday morning at 8:45, interment being in Bennington."

THE Troy Press of Saturday has a sketch of the principal women singers of that city, accompanied with portraits of the most prominent ones. Among them is Miss Minnie Bushnell Price, well known here, and of whom it says: "Miss Minnie B. Price is the soprano soloist at the State Street Methodist Episcopal church, under Organist and Choirmaster Fred H. Cluett, and is the possessor of an exceedingly high soprano voice, whose bird-like quality is frequently heard in solo at this favored place of worship. Miss Price not only has a sweet voice, but has a wonderful execution and as a sight reader is not excelled by any in this city. She came from Brooklyn to accept her present position and has filled it acceptably, taking the place of Miss Florence Topping most perfectly. Miss Price has been heard in recitals and in amateur opera in which she excels. She is a popular member of the Troy Choral club and makes her home in Lansingburgh."

THE "city" water is to be put into the Porochial schools and convent, to the west of this village.

GEORGE B. WELLINGTON will address the meeting Sunday afternoon, of the Troy Young Men's Christian Association.

WELLS & COVERLEY have an advertisement in another place that will be of interest to our readers. They are reliable dealers.

DONATIONS of bound books for the Soldiers' Home Library have recently been received from friends in North Troy and Bristol.

E. T. GRISWOLD started this week on his round of official inspection of S. O. V. camps. He is a past colonel of the Vermont Division.

L. S. FROST ordered the first fresh mackerel that came into Boston market this year, and is to keep it on sale through the season. And not only that, but he received his order, too.

Now is just the time to invest a few dollars in paint. A new coat of paint often increases the appearance of the building several times its cost and if you should want to sell it, increases its selling value.

CHARLES MACDONOUGH of Bennington, chief trumpeter of the 1st regiment, is in the city inspecting the trumpet corps of company A. Mr. Macdonough and his wife are the guests of Captain Dyer while in that city.—Rutland Herald.

COL. ALBERT CLARKE, secretary of the Home Market Club of Boston, formerly editor of the St. Albans Messenger, and later of the Rutland Herald, has been appointed judge advocate general of the Massachusetts Department, G. A. R.

The selectmen have begun to build a new culvert across Elm Extension near the Aldine mills. It will be wide enough to carry sidewalks on both sides, and thus extend the grade right up to the lots of the Messrs. Dewey on the old fair ground.

The season of the Lew Dockstader Minstrel Company came to a premature end at Amherst, Saturday afternoon, on account of differences among the members. Expenses have been met and the members of the company will receive the salaries due them.

EMERSON ESTABROOK, who returned home Saturday from a business trip through the northern part of the State, saw, the day before, Groton Pond which was one mass of ice, although honey-combed to such an extent that it probably disappeared soon after.

THE Democrat of North Adams, Mass., last week, in speaking of the Entertainer Club, concert, in that village, speaks in a complimentary manner of "charming Leila McIntyre," and that she "will capture the house as she always has." She is the daughter of E. H. McIntyre of this village.

The Wilmington Times is quite gleeful over the prospective extra dividend of one per cent. in accordance with the new Savings Bank law. Brattleboro is, also, going to rejoice over the same fact. It has been known for years that the savings institutions of both towns were among the safest in the land.

IN the Franklin County Court, Monday, the case of Napoleon Gaudette, who was indicted in 1889 for breaking jail, was taken up. Gaudette pleaded not guilty. Only four witnesses were examined for the State, and none for the defense. The jury were out about ten minutes when they returned with a verdict of guilty.

O. W. DAVIS and his brother Chas. H. Davis, reached home on the sleeper Sunday night. They had been to Lewiston, Maine, on account of the death of their mother, aged 67 years, whose decease was noted last week. The remains were laid beside Mrs. Davis's husband in another part of the same state, he having died some years previously.

THE general term of the Supreme Court commences at Montpelier, May 8th. There are nine cases from Bennington county to be heard. Among them is that of A. P. Childs vs. J. E. Merrill, exceptions by defendant; Rose A. Murray vs. Frank Mattison, et al.; Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company vs. Lasher Stocking Company, et al. vs. Jerry Brady, who is in State prison for murder.

RUSSELL WALES, late Private Co. D., 5th N. Y. Cav., was found dead in bed at his home in Bristol on Sunday morning, April 22nd. He was a member of the Vermont Soldiers' Home from January 27th, 1892, until April 10th, 1893, and died charged on his own request, as able to support himself. Heart disease was evidently the cause of his death. He had been quite sick for a week before.

THE summer homes of the following persons are being put in readiness for occupancy: Seymour Van Sanoord, Mrs. H. L. Shields, east of the village; S. B. Sanford, John Wool Griswold, Mrs. J. B. Delevan, Justin Kellogg, Mrs. John T. Cooper, Mrs. T. A. Snively and G. B. Wellington, at the Centre. Charles E. Patterson will occupy the "Gardner house," at the Centre; Harry C. Shields the Hall house, on Mt. Anthony street; Mrs. E. W. Boughton will occupy the homestead, formerly the Tichenor house. Daniel Robinson has been spending a portion of the week here, superintending some improvements to his summer home. The grounds at J. E. Collins' never looked more inviting than they do now. Mr. Colgate and family will probably be here about the middle of May.

THE afternoon train from Rutland, last Friday, at Bennington and Rutland railroad, brought a car from North Bennington, a United States fish car from the fish station at St. Johnsbury, and was in charge of one of the employees of that station. It contained 50,000 young brook trout. Stops were made by several of the streams between here and Rutland and the fry placed in them. The car was taken to Pownall over the Fitchburg railroad where the remainder of the fish were put in some of the streams in that town. The stocking of the streams in a large measure due to a few of the fishermen and hunters in the county. It is generally thought they will do well as the season of the year is about right for them to prosper.

THE Vermont Methodist Conference has adjourned after holding its annual session at Bradford. It was its semi-annual assembly and was held in the town where Methodism was first established in the eastern part of the State. The town of Bradford was organized in 1774. In 1831 the first chapel was built, and soon after the present church. The church has had seventy-four ministers since 1796. Rev. L. P. Tucker, the present pastor, is secretary of the conference. A pleasing incident in connection with the conference session was the presence, the first day, of Rev. Wm. J. Kidder of Northfield, now 84 years of age, who was one of the original members of the conference. The only other original member is Rev. A. Hitchcock, 80 years of age, who, also, resides in Northfield. Among the appointments we note: S. H. Tucker, Bondville; Jacksonville and Sadawaga, supplied by R. C. T. McKenzie; Landgrove, C. N. Krook; Wilmington, R. C. T. McKenzie.

SUPP. E. D. BENNETT and family arrived home Thursday afternoon. His health is much improved.

FRED H. COLVIN of North Bennington, attended the wedding of Clayton S. Colvin at North Adams, Mass., Wednesday.

THE Rev. S. McLaughlin and family arrived Thursday afternoon, and at once occupied the parsonage, corner of Pleasant and School streets.

THE bicycle club has been re-formed, and is now composed of several of the young men of the Y. M. C. A. About fifty wheels have been sold in town this season.

The advices from Kansas are to the effect that Jared Howard, Jr., is in a critical condition, from the effects of the blood poisoning, which we mentioned recently.

HENRY CLARK of Rutland, while in town yesterday, was the guest of the editor of the BANNER. He is a veteran journalist and is always a welcome visitor to the sanctum.

J. ELMER AYRES participated in the athletic events given by the 10th Battalion in Albany, Wednesday evening. In the one mile safety bicycle race, he won the second heat in 2 minutes, 48 seconds.

H. M. TUTTLE, yesterday, picked up two apples in the orchard of J. H. Loring, which had survived the winter. The fruit was well preserved and of fine quality. This "open air" incident is quite unique in this climate.

WM. H. FREAR is out with his spring and summer catalogue of the cloak, dress and other departments of the Troy Bazaar, illustrated. The beauty of this is that one can see how the garment looks when made up. Send for a copy. It is sent free to any one on application.

The \$2 bills with the portrait of Gen. Hancock on them, are being called in. They have been so successfully counterfeited that even the government's experts have been deceived. A banker discovered that the general's eyes are looking directly at the observer instead of slightly to one side. The counterfeit is the finest piece of work that has been seen in some time.

THE extensive barns of Col. Samuel J. Tilden at New Lebanon were totally destroyed by fire Tuesday night. Among the property destroyed were the blooded horses Sir and Hindoomer, and four other highly prized horses; also, one hundred sheep and the same number of lambs. There were also destroyed a dozen wagons of various styles, sleds, harnesses and blankets. The loss is not reported, but is very heavy. The property was partly insured.

JOHN W. HILL, who resides near Shirkshire, was brought before the Municipal Court, Saturday, for being drunk as well as noisy. The usual fine and costs were meted out to him, which with the assistance of several of his relatives he was able to pay. Hill's disclosure was that he got a pint of cider brandy at the Putnam, but this is denied by the hotel people. Mr. Collins was brought before the court, and at his request the case was continued one week, he giving bail for his appearance.

At the Grand Lodge, N. E. O. P., at Rutland, Wednesday, G. H. Burch of Bennington, was the speaker. His object was to do anything in Vermont that would be of benefit to the order. He is a veteran of the war and his speech was full of facts and figures. He believed, through a little work, that the membership of the order will be increased during the coming year to more than 1,000. The ladies socially push the order along. They always do good work. As far as it goes it is the best fraternal insurance organization that we know anything about.

THE name of J. K. Darling of Chelsea is being prominently mentioned as a candidate for Senator, from Orange county on the republican ticket, this fall. Mr. Darling was a member of the lower house two years ago, and chairman of the military committee. He is a staunch friend of the Soldiers' Home, being a veteran himself, and his mature years, his keen insight and knowledge of the needs of the county and his experience in legislative work commend him to the people who are looking for a strong man.

NEXT week will be marked by special services at St. Peter's church. Tuesday is the Festival of St. Philip and James, also one of the Rogation Days, and there will be services at 10 a. m., with the Litany and a Celebration of the Holy Communion. Thursday, May 3d, is one of the great feasts of the church, Ascension Day, and there will be a Celebration of the Holy Communion at 10 a. m., and a special festival service at 7:30 p. m., with sermon by the Rev. F. Earrettsch, Albany. Mr. Jewett has many friends in Bennington, being a graduate of Williams College, and is a brilliant and popular preacher.

ANOTHER of Bennington's most promising young men has fallen. Ray Armstrong, youngest son of M. V. B. Armstrong, died of his father's residence on Wednesday morning, after a painful and lingering sickness of several months. An operation was performed in the hospital at New York several months ago for appendicitis which at first promised to be successful. The young man so far rallied that he was able to return to his home. Later developments necessitated a second surgical operation, from which he never recovered. He was a member of the Old First Church, patient and resigned through all his sufferings, he died peacefully in the joy of his Lord in the early morning. His funeral will be attended at the house in Pleasant Valley, to-morrow, at 1:30 p. m.

THE Rev. A. D. Heatt and daughters went to their new home in Round Lake, N. Y., this week. During their residence in Bennington Elder Heatt and family have made many friends, who are sorry to part with them. During his pastorate, as our readers know, the improvements in the Methodist church, begun by the former pastor, the Rev. Wm. J. Chapman, have been completed; or, rather, Mr. Heatt has been instrumental in thoroughly repairing the edifice at an aggregate cost of \$3,000, while the former repairs were those of the chapel in the basement. But in this as in other matters, one sows and another reaps, and the charge is left in excellent condition for his successor. The BANNER extends to the departing pastor cordial good wishes to accompany him to his new field.

EDWARD WALBRIDGE, who runs a country grocery store, was arrested Tuesday. He was charged, by one of his neighbors, with selling cigarettes to a boy under 16 months of age, contrary to law. A few months ago, Mr. Walbridge was complained of for selling cider, but upon trial, by jury, he was declared not guilty, the evidence given at the time, plainly showing that the complaint was an outcome of a personal spite. Tuesday afternoon Mr. Walbridge was brought before Justice Emory S. Harris for trial, and called for a jury. The following persons were drawn: Sidney Burt, Dr. H. C. Day, C. E. Galusha, John Brant, H. M. Davis, W. C. Cronmack. The jury were out less than five minutes returning with a verdict of "not guilty" and Mr. Walbridge was again discharged. The general query now is, what will be the next trumped up charge to be brought against him.

THERE is a case of scarlet fever, corner of River and Depot streets.

THE engagement of Miss Childs to Mr. Hammond Talbot of New York, is announced in the Springfield Republican of Thursday.

NEXT week J. Ed. Walbridge will give our readers some startling figures on chamber suits and furniture. Meantime the goods are "on sale" at rock bottom prices.

THE last Fortnightly of the season meets on Saturday, April 28th. Subject: "Current Events." Committee in charge: Mesdames E. D. Bennett, H. L. Hoyer, J. E. Merrill.

THE case of M. Fitzgerald was to-day continued until May 5th. Eight complaints additional were lodged against him and his bail, which was given, was fixed at \$2,000.

WHILE repairing the interior of his store, C. H. Potter was unfortunately enough to spatter a little paint on some of his chamber suits. His "ad." shows that these will be offered at big sacrifice.

Geo. Lee, a slater, fell from H. W. Scott's residence, Thursday afternoon, to the ground, a distance of twenty feet, striking fairly on his head. He was picked up unconscious, but rallied soon after being taken into the house.

HENRY C. FARRAR, grand master of Vermont Odd Fellows, is a hustler. He has not only visited every one of the fifty-one lodges, but some of them twice. The order has gained more than 500 during the year as one result of his vigorous administration of affairs.

THE Second Congregational church celebrated its fifty-eighth anniversary on Thursday, May 1st, beginning at 8 o'clock, p. m., with a reception in the audience room. Reports, music and the supper are in the hands of competent committees, and a good time is expected.

THE Rev. Chas. R. Seymour came before the Young Women's Club, Wednesday evening and gave a delightful running sketch of some of the men and periods in our country's history. To the great satisfaction of the members, he kindly promised to speak to them of the Rebellion on the evening of May 9th.

At the Opera House, May 2nd, the vivacious little actress and dancer, Ullie Akerstrom, will present the queen of all comedies, "The Sultan's Favorite."

Zuluza, the favorite, is a picture, a perfect gem in its entirety and the property of an enthusiast by the name of Josiah Hopkins. He takes delight in showing it to his friends, and is proud in the possession of so costly a work of art, for it certainly represents a fabulous sum of money. But when the picture becomes a living reality, then Josiah's troubles commence.

OUR Troy exchanges note the death, Saturday, at Walloomsac, N. Y., of Seymour C. Gooding. His wife is a sister of Mrs. Olney Fuller, and the family are well known here. The Budget says: "Mr. Gooding was taken ill last Monday with typhoid pneumonia, and pleurisy. Deceased was born in Hartford, Washington county, sixty-one years ago and moved to the town of Hoosick when a child. About thirty-four years ago he married to Miss Maria A. Millman by whom he is survived, and by a son, Elmer D. Deceased was for eight years postmaster at North Hoosick and was an extensive farmer and speculator. He was active in politics and neighbors often consulted him in business matters. The funeral services were held at his home Tuesday."

THE Texas Sittings of the 21st, has an anecdote that is applied to Bennington. We do not avouch for the story, but here it is as told: In Bennington, Vermont, a few days ago, there lived a prosperous farmer named Loan Potter. He was the school committee man for his school district, and he would never tolerate the teaching in his school of such a heresy as the one maintained by Columbus that the earth is round. Mr. Potter reasoned in common sense way, and from observation in the neighborhood he concluded that the earth is flat but tipped slightly to the northwest to let the water run off. The wags in the village store would frequently argue the point with the old man, but he always stuck to his belief. One day a newcomer who had heard of the committee man's peculiarity, addressed him in the following manner: "How do you do, Mr. Potter; I hear you think the earth is flat. Is that so?" "Wall you may think as you please," said the common sense old man "I know you're d—d flat."

Mrs. WM. STOCKWELL of Shaftsbury, was thrown out of a carriage, Tuesday, near the Court house in this village, and narrowly escaped instant death. Mr. Stockwell and wife came into town just before dinner, stopped in front of Childs & Powers' insurance office. Mrs. Stockwell held the team—a spirited pair. A trace dropped down, the span started and ran. Approaching South street, on one side, stood the village coach waiting for the noon mail out, on the other side, in front of the Court House was hitched Tom Halloran's carrier's cart. Had the street been clear Mrs. Stockwell, who is a daughter of Maj. Collins, formerly of North Bennington, would have been all right, but the blockade of both sides of the street was too much for even this excellent horsewoman and in a second her span and the mail cart, with the carriage were "all in a heap." Those who looked on shuddered at the thought of the woman in the midst of that struggling mass, but as good fortune would have it she had been thrown out into the mud before. The carriage body was wrenched off the running gear, the mail cart was broken, and, strange to say, Mrs. Stockwell escaped with only a bruised face.

THE Hartland correspondent of the Vermont Journal has this to say: The Democratic party, so far as it has been Clevelandized, is in a fair way of being swept out of existence. The overwhelming defeat that has followed it in all the recent elections, foreshadows plainly its final doom. Our people, deceived by its hypocritical pretensions, put it in power as an experiment. That foolish experiment has cost us the destruction of business, a large measure, and the starvation of laborers and their families by the tens of thousands. Nothing is more certain in this world than the fact that this party of mischief is to be driven out of existence by the indignant thousands who have been the subjects of its blighting influence. Cleveland and his mugwump followers, who have been as thoroughly joined to him as Ephraim was ever joined to his idols have had their opportunity and proved themselves unworthy to be trusted. As Lowell puts it in "Bigelow papers" and truthfully, "A batch of bread that hasn't risen once. Ain't it just money thrown away. To put more emphasis on it."

It should be remembered in favor of Cleveland's supporters at the presidential election, that most of them have had all they want of him and his absurd forms. If there is one here and there who still remains faithful to his mugwump chief, you will find him looking, to quote again from "Bigelow papers," "Mistle as roosters in a rain. Heads down and tails half-mast."

MISS AUDRIA BOWEN sang delightfully "The Secret," by H. G. Gads, at the Methodist Episcopal social, Friday night, capturing the high C, at the close of the piece, without apparent effort; the drum solo by Master Harold McIntyre, the banjo solo by Miss Leila McIntyre, and the solo by Miss Rena Wood; the masterful rendering of "The Vagabonds," by Mr. Edward Donnelly; the broom drill, by eighteen young ladies in costume, with E. T. Griswold drill master, and Miss Luella Tuttle, pianist, and refreshments of cake and coffee, made a very large amount of entertainment for the price of admission, but that is a way the Methodist have. The net proceeds were thirty dollars. The Sunday school of this church has just bought two hundred and fifty dollars worth of choice new books for the library, which will be ready for distribution Sunday, or possibly not until a week from next Sunday. The excellent new choir of the church, which has given general satisfaction to the congregation, has been engaged for a year, with M. B. Morgan as chorister. During the past